

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR A
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

CONTRACT NO:

CAPTION: Next Generation Assessment Reporting & Forensic Tool/Psychometric
Technical Assistance

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Tembo, Inc.

PROGRAM AGENCY: Office of the State Superintendent of Education

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700 and 1701

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Government of the District of Columbia, Office of Contracting and Procurement on behalf of the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) seeks to engage in services of Tembo, Inc. to maintain and support its Next Generation Assessment (NGA) and Reporting Forensic Tool (RFT). Specifically, Tembo shall provide annual hosting and maintenance of the parent portal for the web-based reporting suite, system enhancements, annual data refreshes for all reporting tools, key growth data, data analysis & assessment support, and psychometric technical assistance to District of Columbia educators and parents related to Next Generation Assessments.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimate fair and reasonable price is \$746,250.00. The period of performance will be October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018.

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

- A. This initiative will fulfill requirements under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended (ESEA), as well as the long-term goals of the Statewide Longitudinal Educational Data (SLED) System by supporting teachers, parents, and principals in accessing confidential data through the secured SLED portal. The goal of OSSE in this effort is to enhance the existing Next Generation Assessment and Reporting Forensic Analysis Tool to support the data created by the newly implemented assessments for SY17-18 including the PARCC assessment, NCSC assessment, NGSS assessment, and statewide SAT. This will result in a comprehensive reporting system for confidential data produced by the assessment for the District of

Columbia. As a key aspect of the data reported is psychometric in nature, psychometric analysis, assessment analysis, and annual calculation of the student growth measure based on source data will be required to populate this system with full information.

- B. OSSE is currently reporting its NGA assessment results on a reporting platform that Tembo, Inc. owns. This platform includes the individual student reports (which are created using a proprietary PDF generator), online public reports, and secure public reports.
- C. Tembo, Inc. has spent the past six years designing, enhancing, developing, and maintaining a Forensic Analysis Tool suite. This tool suite allows users to analyze multiple years of student assessment data at multiple levels of aggregation. It is the only tool that contains student results on common core standards and constructed response items. Additionally, Tembo, Inc. also developed a Standards, Strands, and Student Growth Analysis tool that is the first tool of its kind to allow users to compare student subgroup performance on specific common core standards or strands.
- D. The Next General Assessment and Reporting Forensic Tools were created and is owned by Tembo, Inc. The Tools are proprietary in nature and Tembo, Inc. are the only source with the ability to enhance, maintain and support these tools, thus a market survey was not conducted.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Date

Hanseul Kang
State Superintendent, OSSE

6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER:

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approves the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Alvin N. Stith
Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

George A. Schutter, III
Chief Procurement Officer